

Appl. No.: 10/039,728
Amendment dated October 10, 2005
Reply to Office Action of April 8, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reexamination and reconsideration of this Application, entry of the above claim amendments, and formal notification of the allowability of all claims as now presented are earnestly solicited in light of the claim amendments and the remarks that follow.

Initially, Applicants wish to express their gratitude for the Examiner's participation in a telephone conference with Applicants' representative regarding the Advisory Action dated September 28, 2005. Further, Applicants appreciate the Examiner's statement that upon cancellation of claim 12 and amendment to make claims 4-6 depend from a non-cancelled claim, the remaining claims of the present application would be allowable.

Claim 12 has now been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 4 has been amended to depend from claim 18, and Applicants respectfully submit such claim amendment raises no issue of new matter. Accordingly, claims 2, 4-11, 14-18, 20-21, and 23 are pending in the application.

Applicants respectfully submit the pending claims raise no new issues of patentability and only are directed to subject matter indicated by the Office as being allowable in the Action of April 8, 2005. Applicants further respectfully request entry of these amendments under 37 CFR 1.116 and an indication that these claims are allowable. Accordingly, it is believed that all pending claims are now in condition for immediate allowance. In order to expedite examination of this case it, is requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned should the Examiner have any comments or suggestions.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required (therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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